



Satellite image with enhanced low cloud-top temperatures (degrees C) for 6:45 a.m. EST (NOAA)

### **Agricultural Weather Highlights - Thursday - June 14, 2001**

- C** *In the West*, cool conditions linger across the **Intermountain region**, but warm weather is returning to the **Northwest**, favoring fieldwork and crop development.
- C** *On the Plains*, thunderstorms are disrupting fieldwork, including winter wheat harvesting, and maintaining adequate to locally surplus soil moisture for pastures and summer crops. Although drier air is beginning to spread across the **northern High Plains**, cool weather continues to slow crop growth.
- C** *In the Corn Belt*, widespread, locally severe thunderstorms continue across the **western half of the region**, hampering fieldwork and maintaining adequate to excessive soil moisture levels. In the **eastern Corn Belt**, very warm weather is promoting winter wheat maturation and rapid summer crop development.
- C** *In the South*, mostly dry weather continues to aid flood recovery efforts from **eastern Texas to southern Mississippi**. Meanwhile, the slow-moving remnants of Tropical Storm Allison are bringing locally heavy showers to **eastern North Carolina**.

**Outlook:** Widespread, locally heavy showers will affect **much of the East** for the remainder of the week as an **upper Midwest** storm system and the remnants of Allison interact with a warm, unstable air mass. More severe weather is possible the next few days in the **Corn Belt** but an overall drier, briefly cooler pattern should dominate the region by early next week. The warming trend in the **West** is expected to intensify and expand eastward. The NWS 6-10 day outlook for June 19-23 depicts above-normal temperatures **across the South from the southern High Plains to the mid-Atlantic**. Somewhat milder conditions are forecast for sections of the **Pacific Northwest and New England**. Above-normal rainfall is expected in the **eastern half of the Nation**, including the **northern Plains**, but drier weather will prevail in the Southwest.

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